

By Commissioner Ford-Coates

1                                   A proposal to revise  
2           ARTICLE VIII, s. 2, Fla. Const.; providing that  
3           a municipality may be abolished only by vote of  
4           the electors of the municipality.

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6 It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission  
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9           Section 1. Section 2 of Article VIII of the Florida  
10          Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

11                                   ARTICLE VIII

12                                   LOCAL GOVERNMENT

13           SECTION 2. Municipalities.--

14           (a) ESTABLISHMENT. Municipalities may be established  
15          or abolished and their charters amended pursuant to general or  
16          special law; however, a municipality may not be abolished  
17          except upon approval by vote of the electors of the  
18          municipality. When any municipality is abolished, provision  
19          shall be made for the protection of its creditors.

20           (b) POWERS. Municipalities shall have governmental,  
21          corporate and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct  
22          municipal government, perform municipal functions and render  
23          municipal services, and may exercise any power for municipal  
24          purposes except as otherwise provided by law. Each municipal  
25          legislative body shall be elective.

26           (c) ANNEXATION. Municipal annexation of  
27          unincorporated territory, merger of municipalities, and  
28          exercise of extra-territorial powers by municipalities shall  
29          be as provided by general or special law.

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